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Eighty-two rats (including 11 found dead) and 56 mice (including 10 found dead) were examined, of which 11 rats and 9 mice were probably plague infected.

ALGERIA.

Report on plague at Oran.

Information is received from the Department of State, under date of October 5, that the following cablegram, dated October 1, has been received from the American ambassador at Paris:

In accordance with terms of sanitary convention, minister for foreign affairs informs me 6 cases of plague, 2 fatal and 2 doubtful, observed at Oran. They have been isolated. Attendants inoculated with serum and placed under observation. Houses disinfected. Destruction of rats ordered.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, September 13:

Week ended September 8. Bills of health were issued to vessels sailing for United States ports, after inspection, as follows:

On September 2, the German steamship *Seigmund*, with a cargo of coffee, for New York, with no passengers and no change in the personnel; September 3, the British steamship *Canning*, with a cargo of coffee, for New York, with no passengers and no change in personnel, and the Portuguese bark *Segona*, for Mobile, Ala., with no passengers, in stone ballast, and with no change in the crew personnel while here; September 4, the British steamship *Tennyson*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no change in crew, and with 35 first-class and 40 steerage passengers for New York, and the Brazilian steamship *Acre* for New York, with a new crew, 53 cabin and 13 steerage passengers, and a general cargo; and September 5, the British steamship *Titania*, for Newport News, Va., in water ballast, with no passengers and 1 new member of the crew, signed in this port.

Mortality report from Pernambuco.—Two weeks ended July 31. Total deaths, 375. Total estimated population, 210,000. Smallpox caused 121 deaths.

Mortality in Rio de Janeiro.—Week ended September 8. Total deaths, 235. Yellow fever caused no deaths, nor were there any cases of that disease reported. Bubonic plague caused 3 deaths, with 8 new reported cases, and smallpox caused 3 deaths, with 8 new cases. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião 1 case of yellow fever, 8 cases of smallpox, and 5 cases of plague under treatment.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mengis reports as follows:

Week ended October 3, 1907. Present officially estimated population, 8,500.

General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Sept. 27	Origen	New Orleans	29	15	0
27	Donna Christina	Pensacola	6	0	0

Aliens sailing for the United States during the week, 4.

CHILE.

Report from Valparaiso—Plague in Chile.

The following information is received, under date of October 5, from the Department of State, contained in a dispatch from the American consul at Valparaiso, dated August 28:

According to the best obtainable information bubonic plague still continues to quite an extent in some of the northern ports of Chile. The latest report given out shows, for the first six months of 1907, for Taltal, 695 cases, with a death rate of 46 per cent; Antofagasta, 216 cases, with a death rate of 42 per cent; Iquique, 154 cases, with a death rate of 41 per cent, and Pisagua, 105 cases, with a death rate of 45 per cent. The nearest of these ports is about 500 miles distant from Valparaiso. All shipping in these ports anchor out in the open bay, and so far as I am able to learn there have been no cases of plague developed on any of the steamers plying between Valparaiso and Ancon, or vice versa. Nearly all the cases are among the very poor natives. I have failed to learn of a single foreigner being attacked by the disease during the time.

The Government has made an effort to clean up these ports so as to stamp out the disease, but from present indications it will be some time before it is thoroughly carried out.

The general health conditions of the port are good.

CHINA.

Reports from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Quarantinable diseases—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hough reports:

Week ended August 3. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on July 6, 1907. To restrictions enforced against Hongkong, as reported on July 13, 1907, the following have been added:

Place or port.	Nature of measure.
Amoy	Hongkong declared an infected port.

Communicable diseases: Plague, 10 cases, 11 deaths; smallpox, 2 cases, 3 deaths.

Vessels inspected and granted bills of health, 6.